

## **Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2018, Town Hall Room 408, 7:00 PM

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

**BAC members present:** Cynthia Snow, Jacob Meunier, Kristin Schreiber, Mark Lowenstein, Tommy Vitolo, Brian Sutherland, John Bowman

**Public:** Lee Cooke Childs, Ilan Wapinski, Jules Milner-Brage, David Kroop

1. **Public comment period:** Lee Cooke Childs, Rawson Rd resident, raised concern about bicyclists not having lights at night, wondered what the law is and how it is enforced.

- Law: white light in front, red light or red reflector in back, dusk to dawn
- Police do some enforcement and education as opportunities present themselves
- Discussion of ideas to increase compliance among bikers in Brookline
  - handing out free lights
  - connecting this to the police enforcement/education (perhaps grant-supported)
  - piece in the Tab to increase awareness (Mark will write, and Kristin will edit)

2. **Minutes** of meetings for December 4 and (with Pedestrian Committee) 13, 2017 were approved

Follow-up items:

- a. Reminder to BAC members to review appendices D and E in Green Routes Plan for discussion at next meeting
- b. Discussion on possibility of including Beacon St in “Emerald Network” (LivableStreets)
  - Potentially combine this with the bridle path study
  - Include attention to pedestrian issues and trees
  - Consult with Hugh Mattison on green space/trees
  - Include Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Committees (Abby Swaine and Frank Caro)
  - Jules now has electronic files of the engineering drawings from the last time the street was renovated, which will facilitate design and graphic presentations

3. **Bicycles parked to posts in handicap parking zones** a problem- will discuss further next time

4. **Climate Week Apr 7-14 and Public Health Week Apr 2-7**

Planning participation in 3R Depot, Apr 7 10:00-2:00

Ideas for ways to participate, which will be organized by Kristin Schreiber and Jacob Meunier:

- Interactive map for participants to point out/label positives and negatives of their biking experience in Brookline
- Informational brochures (safety and/or health of biking)
- Activity for kids?
- Bike ride to Brookline bike infrastructure sites--traditionally organized by Bryan Decker and John Dempsey

5. **I90-Beacon Yards**

Discussed and edited elements for advisory committees’ recommendation for a Brookline Transportation Board response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report, including

- Constructing West Station (with rail stop and bus terminal) during phase 1 to facilitate multimodal journeys with bicycle access to bus and rail)
- Providing bus access between the West Station bus terminal and Commonwealth Avenue, via Malvern Street
- Additional north-south bicycle and pedestrian access, including at least one crossing to Brookline at Babcock Street and points further east
- A bicycle and pedestrian connection from West Station and Brookline to the Paul Dudley White Path near the Boston University Bridge.

- Priority and budget planning for these parts of the project should be put on a fast track so that they can be implemented in Phase 1.
- All non-motorized facilities within the entire scope of the project should (a) provide persons on foot and persons on bicycles with separate paths and (b) minimize traffic conflicts between modes, to ensure adequate safety.
- The at-grade option should be selected over any viaduct option, insofar as it allows for air rights crossings between Brookline and the Charles River in the throat area so that bridges for pedestrians and cyclists can be built.

#### **6. Updates from BAC members**

- Police Report (Sgt. Brian Sutherland)-16 crashes, at least 2 car door crashes (Oct-Dec 2017)
- Hubway Committee (Jacob Meunier)- 5 new stations in the coming year, title sponsorship obtained

#### **7. Follow-up/Open items**

- Beacon Street Bike Lane (approved permanent) – more flex posts, scored pavement, improve the pedestrian crossing

**2018 meeting dates:** (First Monday unless otherwise noted): Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday), Aug 6, Sep 4 (Tuesday), Oct 1, Nov 7 (Wednesday), Dec 3